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President Joe Biden speaks at a campaign event for New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, at Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers, N.Y.

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## Biden make final appeals ahead of crucial midterms

By WILL WEISSERT Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An election year that unfolded against a backdrop of economic turmoil, elimination of federal abortion rights and broad concerns about the future of democracy is concluding with a final full day of campaigning by leaders of both parties urgently appealing to their supporters.

President Joe Biden is holding a Monday evening rally in Maryland, where Democrats have one of their best opportunities to reclaim a Republican-held governor's seat. The appearance is consistent with Biden's late-campaign strategy of sticking largely to his party's strongholds rather than stumping in more competitive territory, where control of Congress may ultimately be decided.

His predecessor, Donald Trump, is holding his final rally of the campaign in Ohio. Ohio holds special meaning for the former president as he readies another run for the White House because it was one of the

first places where he was able to prove his enduring power among Republican voters two years ago. Trump's backing of JD Vance was crucial in helping the author and venture capitalist — and onetime Trump critic — secure the GOP's nomination for a Senate seat.

In an interview with the Rev. Al Sharpton airing Monday on Sharpton's radio show, Biden warned that his administration's progress on key issues including bolstering funding for historically Black colleges and universities and trying to forgive student loan debt for millions of Americans would be at risk if Republicans take Congress.

"If we don't win, they're going to wipe out everything we've done," the president said. He also raised concerns about voter intimidation, saying, "America should feel safe going to the polls" and mentioning people outside voting stations with automatic rifles.

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"It's outrageous," Biden said.

Elon Musk, whose purchase of Twitter has roiled the social media world, used the platform Monday to endorse the GOP, writing, "I recommend voting for a Republican Congress, given that the Presidency is Democratic."

That came too late for more than 41 million Americans who had already cast ballots. In fact, Monday was more about ensuring that supporters either meet early voting deadlines or make firm plans to show up at polling places in person. The election results will have a powerful impact on the final two years of Biden's presidency, shaping policy on everything from government spending to military support for Ukraine. In the first national election since the violent Jan. 6 insurrection, the final days of the campaign focused on fundamental questions about the nation's political values.

Campaigning in New York for Gov. Kathy Hochul on Sunday, Biden said Republicans were willing to condone last year's mob attack at the Capitol and that, after the recent as-



President Joe Biden poses for photos at the end of a campaign event with New York Gov. Kathy Hochul at Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers, N.Y., Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022.

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sault of Paul Pelosi, husband of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, some in that party made "light of it" or were "making excuses." "There's never been a time in my career where we've glorified violence based on a political preference," the president said.

Not attending the Miami event was Florida's Republican governor, Ron DeSantis, who is running for reelection against Democrat Charlie Crist and is widely

considered Trump's most formidable challenger if he also were to get into the White House race.

DeSantis held his own, separate events Sunday in other parts of the state where he stuck to the centerpieces of his reelection campaign, including railing against COVID-19 vaccine mandates. The governor's counter political programing avoided antagonizing Trump — meaning it didn't deliver the dueling 2024

events that could be in his and Trump's near future.

For national Democrats, meanwhile, the focus is on their narrow control of the House and Senate, which could evaporate after Tuesday.

Voters may rebuke the party controlling the White House and Congress amid surging inflation, concerns about crime and pessimism about the direction of the country. History suggests any party in power will suf-

fer significant losses in the midterms.

First lady Jill Biden campaigned Monday for Democratic Rep. Jennifer Wexton in a part of northern Virginia that Joe Biden carried two years ago. It could be an early indicator of GOP midterm strength should Wexton's seat flip to her Republican challenger, Hung Cao.

The first lady told about 100 people outside a home in Ashburn, about 30 miles from Washington, that, in Congress, a "Republican majority will attack women's rights and health care."

Trump has long falsely claimed he lost the 2020 election only because Democrats cheated and has even begun raising the possibility of election fraud this year. Federal intelligence agencies are warning of the possibility of political violence from far-right extremists.

Ronna McDaniel, the Republican National Committee chairwoman, said Democrats were "inflation deniers," as she tried to deflect their branding of her party as anti-democracy for rejecting the results of 2020's presidential election simply because Trump lost it. □

## Jackson, in dissent, issues first Supreme Court opinion



Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson stands as she and members of the Supreme Court pose for a new group portrait following her addition, at the Supreme Court building in Washington, Oct. 7, 2022.

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — New Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson has issued her first Supreme Court opinion, a short dissent Monday in support of a death row inmate from Ohio.

Jackson wrote that she would have thrown out lower court rulings in the case of inmate Davel Chinn, whose lawyers argued that the state suppressed evidence that might have altered the outcome of his trial.

Jackson, in a two-page opinion, wrote that she would have ordered a new look at Chinn's case "because his life is on the line and given the substantial likelihood that the

suppressed records would have changed the outcome at trial."

The evidence at issue indicated that a key witness against Chinn has an intellectual disability that might have affected his memory and ability to testify accurately, she wrote.

Prosecutors are required to turn over potentially exculpatory evidence to the defense.

In this case, lower courts determined that the outcome would not have been affected if the witness' records had been provided to Chinn's lawyers.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor was the only other member of the court to join Jack-

son's opinion.

The two justices also were allies in dissent Monday in Sotomayor's opinion that there was serious prosecutorial misconduct in the trial of a Louisiana man who was convicted of sex trafficking.

Jackson joined the high court on June 30, following the retirement of Justice Stephen Breyer, her one-time boss.

The court has yet to decide any of the cases argued in October or the first few days of this month. Jackson almost certainly will be writing a majority opinion in one of those cases. □



# Judge rejects claims of election violations in Detroit

By ED WHITE Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** — A judge threw out a lawsuit Monday that challenged voting by absentee ballot in Detroit, saying a Republican candidate for secretary of state failed to produce any evidence of violations.

"Plaintiffs have raised a red flag of election law violations and corruption concerning Detroit's procedures for the November 8th election. This court's ruling takes down that flag," Wayne County Judge Tim Kenny wrote.

Kristina Karamo and others sued to try to force Detroit residents to vote in person or go to the city clerk's office to get an absentee ballot.

They filed a lawsuit 13 days before Tuesday's election,



Former President Barack Obama, second from left, campaigns for Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, left, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II, and Attorney General Dana Nessel, right, during a rally, Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, in Detroit.

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making a variety of allegations about how Detroit reviews signatures on ab-

sentee ballots and monitors drop-off boxes. The lawsuit, among other things, also

claimed the city was using "uncertified high-speed tabulators" to count votes.

"Despite plaintiffs' arguments to 'shed light in a dark place,' they have failed dramatically," the judge said. "Over an eight-hour evidentiary hearing, no evidence of election law violations" was revealed.

Kenny noted that Detroit elections administrator Daniel Baxter and former Michigan elections director Chris Thomas testified about how the city performs its job.

Approximately 60,000 Detroit voters had submitted an absentee ballot by last Thursday, Kenny said.

"While it is easy to hurl accusations of violations of law and corruption, it is another matter to come forward and produce the evidence our Constitution and laws require," the judge said. □

# Protect Louisiana, Texas land for rare burrowing snake

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Four areas in Louisiana and two in Texas should be protected as critical habitat for a rare snake that eats pocket gophers and takes over the rodents' burrows, the federal government says.

Louisiana pinesnakes, which produce the largest eggs and hatchlings of any U.S. snake, have been protected as threatened since 2018. Their decline is largely due to the drastic reduction and fragmentation of grassy longleaf pine savannas with sandy soil. And since Louisiana pinesnakes' 5-inch-long (12.7-centimeter) eggs are so big that they lay only three to five at a time, losses are hard to replace.

The snakes grow to 5 feet long (1.5 meters) but are hard to count because they spend more than half their time underground. They also are camouflaged on brown pine needles, with black, brown and russet patches on a buff to yellowish background.

National forests cover most of four areas that the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed as critical habitat. Private land including some covered by conservation agreements comprises all of the smallest, in Texas, and virtually all of the biggest, in north Louisiana where the largest known population lives.

Critical habitat is a limited protection, affecting only contracts using federal money or requiring federal permits. Other critical habitat decisions have sparked challenges by landowners and dissension over what

lands qualify for such designation.

In north Louisiana's Bienville Parish, private owners hold more than 99% of a proposed area about the size of Milwaukee roughly 95 square miles (246 square kilometers). The smallest area, about 8 square miles (20 square kilometers) in Scrippin' Valley, Texas, is all privately held.

However, the Scrippin' Valley land is already managed for endangered little red-cockaded woodpeckers, which also need open-

canopied pine savannas, said Don Dietz, consulting biologist for a family that owns 70% of the land.

"Red-cockaded woodpeckers eat a lot of ants, which need the open area below. So the habitat is essentially the same," Dietz said.

Noah Greenwald, endangered species director at the environmental nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity, said, "Far too few private landowners care about nature and ensuring species like the Louisiana pinesnake survive. When it does happen it's really great."

The Fish and Wildlife Service said two of seven known pinesnake populations are in Texas, but Dietz was dubious. He said he tried unsuccessfully for a decade to trap Louisiana pinesnakes to prove they lived in Scrippin' Valley.

"I want to believe there's some out there, but in Texas there may not be," Dietz said.

Other populations live in Louisiana's Bienville, Grant, Natchitoches, Sabine, and Vernon parishes, the fed-

eral agency said.

Big Cypress State Park makes up about 0.5% of the proposed Bienville unit. Another 8.4 square miles (22 square kilometers) are part of a conservation agreement benefiting the snake, according to Fish and Wildlife's economic analysis.

The Weyerhaeuser Co. announced in 2020 that it had a 30-year agreement to manage land in Bienville Parish for the Louisiana pinesnake.

Weyerhaeuser said it is working to understand how the federal proposal "would overlap and potentially impact the acres of critical habitat we are currently protecting for the Louisiana pinesnake."

The company said in 2020 that state and federal biologists helped it identify two areas totaling about 2.8 square miles (7.25 square kilometers) as the most important for the snake. It said it would convert about 440 acres (180 hectares) from loblolly to longleaf pine and keep another 1,383 acres (560 hectares) with an open canopy and grassy forest floor. □



A baby Louisiana pinesnake poking its head out of its egg while hatching at the Memphis Zoo on July 8, 2010. The U.S. government says four areas in Louisiana and two in Texas should be protected as critical habitat for a rare snake that eats small gophers and takes over their burrows.

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# Hurricane watch: Subtropical storm eyes Florida, Bahamas

By **FRIEDA FRISARO and JULIE WALKER** Associated Press

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)** — Subtropical Storm Nicole is now expected to become a hurricane over the Bahamas before hitting Florida's east coast on Wednesday, just well enough after polls close to avoid disrupting voting on Election Day, forecasters said.

"We won't really start to see any significant impacts from Nicole until really Tuesday night to Wednesday, so really it shouldn't have a huge impact on voting operations tomorrow," hurricane specialist Phillippe Papin told The Associated Press.

"Unfortunately this is going to be a very large storm, with a very large wind field on the north side. This is going to cause quite substantial surf, potentially dangerous storm surge somewhere along the Florida east coast, and heavy rainfall and probably significant winds over a large area," Papin added.

Hurricane watches are in



**Election officials in some Florida counties urged people to vote early Sunday, Nov. 6, where possible as a potential tropical system threatens the state on Election Day.**

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effect for the northwestern Bahamas and Florida's Atlantic Coast from Hallandale Beach, north of Miami, to just north of Daytona Beach, as well as inland to Lake Okeechobee, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said in its latest advisory. A Storm

Surge Watch has been issued from Broward County to halfway up Georgia's coast. The hurricane center predicted a particularly wobbly forward movement for Nicole as it approaches Florida before crossing into the northwest Gulf of Mexico. At 1 p.m. Mon-

day, it had top winds of 45 mph (75 kmh) and was centered about 465 miles (750 kilometers) east of the northwestern Bahamas, the advisory said.

"Do not focus on the exact track of Nicole since it is expected to be a large storm with hazards extending well

to the north of the center, and outside of the cone, and affect much of the Florida peninsula and portions of the southeast U.S.," the advisory said.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency for 34 counties in the potential path of the storm, out of an abundance of caution.

Large parts of the state have yet to recover from destructive Hurricane Ian, which slammed into southwestern Florida on Sept. 28 as a strong Category 4 hurricane and dumped massive amounts of rain, causing flooding across central Florida. Along Florida's central Atlantic coast, nervous county managers warned residents that the tropical storm could bring more flooding and beach erosion only weeks after Ian inundated the region with unprecedented levels of water.

In Volusia County, home to Daytona Beach, county officials advised coastal residents to consider moving to a safer location as soon as possible. □

# Neighborhoods evacuated near burning Georgia chemical plant

By **RUSS BYNUM** Associated Press

**SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)** — A large fire burned Monday inside a chemical plant on the coast of Georgia, where authorities ordered about 100 nearby homes to evacuate because of

threats from toxic smoke and potential explosions. Emergency responders safely evacuated a small handful of employees working when the fire broke out at about 4 a.m. Monday at the plant outside the port city of Brunswick, Georgia,

said fire Capt. Eric Prosswimmer, who was on the scene with fire crews from Jacksonville, Florida, sent to help battle the flames.

The fire sent a large plume of thick smoke into the air from the plant, located about 70 miles (113 kilometers) south of Savannah.

As a precaution, local emergency officials ordered neighborhoods within a 1-mile (1.6 kilometer) radius of the plant to evacuate. People within a 3-mile (5-kilometer) radius were told to shelter in place.

Wayne Neal, chairman of Glynn County's elected Board of Commissioners, estimated roughly 100 households had been told to evacuate. Sheriff's deputies were using patrol cars to block entrances to affected neighborhoods. Smoke from the plant

had largely died down by late morning. But fire still burned inside, Prosswimmer said, and changing winds could stir up more smoke. Hazardous materials crews were working to survey the threats to determine whether evacuations should cover a larger area. Officials said they were mostly concerned about hazards posed by smoke drifting into populated areas. There had also been explosions at the site.

Prosswimmer said heat from the fire had caused three metal tanks containing chemicals to explode. Fighting the blaze was further complicated when firefighters depleted more than 1 million gallons (3.8 million litres) of water stored in tanks on the site.

Prosswimmer said firefighters had backed away from the fire to await the arrival

of tankers carrying more water to the scene.

"We're going to take very calculated, slow steps at this and make sure no one's in jeopardy," Prosswimmer said, adding: "Right now we're staged way far back from it and some of it's just being allowed to burn." He said one firefighter suffering from exhaustion had been taken to a hospital and was in stable condition. There were no other injuries.

The plant is operated by Symrise, a German company that produces fragrances, flavoring and other ingredients for foods and cosmetics.

The Georgia plant manufactures fragrance ingredients used in perfumes, detergents and household cleaners, said Symrise spokesperson Christina Witter. □



**Members with the Waynesville Fire and Rescue Department take a break from battling large fire that burned inside a chemical plant on the coast of Georgia, Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, in Brunswick, Ga.**

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# In India, river erosion engulfs villages

By ANUPAM NATH Associated Press

**GAUHATI, India (AP)** — In the 12 years that he has been the priest of a small temple by the mighty Brahmaputra, Ranajit Mandal had never witnessed the river's fury like this. Not only the temple, but the 50 homes in his native Murkata village were washed away in a matter of days.

"I feel like the earth has given way under my feet now. I have been the temple's priest ever since it was built, I feel really lost now," Mandal said.

Mandal, who is also a farmer and father of two, says the erosion of the river means his family has been deprived of income, relying instead on government assistance. "Each family was given 5,000 rupees (\$60) but that is hardly anything compared to what we have lost." Murkata village in the northeastern state of



**Ranajit Mandal, 35, the priest of a temple of Hindu goddess Durga stands with his son watching the temple being washed away by the river Brahmaputra at Murkata village, northeastern Assam state, India, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022. "The river has washed away everything, and we have no place to go back to now," he said. "Even though we are staying nearby now, if this continues, we'll have no choice but to move away from here, away from the river."**

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Assam is in one of the most climate-vulnerable regions of India, according to a

report by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, a New Delhi-based

climate think tank. With India ranked the seventh most vulnerable na-

tion to climate change by the non-governmental group Germanwatch, Mandal and other residents of Murkata are on the front lines of the crisis.

The Brahmaputra has always changed course and reclaimed farmland and villages, but the frequency and severity of the river's destruction has increased in recent years.

A 2020 study by New York-based Earth Institute, Columbia University, found that the river's potential for catastrophic flooding as temperatures rise was being underestimated by nearly 40%.

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# French cardinal says he abused 14-year-old girl 35 years ago



**Archbishop of Bordeaux, France, Cardinal Jean-Pierre Bernard Ricard blesses his titular church - Sant' Agostino - during a ceremony to officially take possession of his church, in Rome, Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006. Cardinal Jean-Pierre Ricard said on Monday Nov. 7, 2022 that he had abused a 14-year-old girl thirty-five years ago and is withdrawing from his functions. The move comes after a report issued last year revealed a large number of child sex abuse cases within the country's Catholic Church. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini,**

**PARIS (AP)** — Cardinal Jean-Pierre Ricard, one of France's highest-ranking prelates of the Catholic Church, said Monday that he had abused a 14-year-old girl 35 years ago and is withdrawing from his religious duties. The move comes after a report issued last year revealed a

large number of child sex abuse cases within the French Catholic Church. "Thirty-five years ago, when I was a priest, I behaved in a reprehensible way with a young girl aged 14," Ricard said in a written statement. "My behavior has inevitably caused serious and lasting consequences for this per-

son," he said. Ricard, 78, used to be the archbishop of Bordeaux, in southwestern France, until he retired from that position in 2019 to serve in his home diocese of Dignes-les-Bains, in the south of the country.

In the 1980s, he was a priest in the archdiocese of Marseille. The announcement was made Monday at a news conference by the president of the French bishops' conference, Archbishop Éric de Moulins-Beaufort. Moulins-Beaufort said a total of 11 bishops and former bishops, including Ricard, have been targeted by accusations in relation with sex abuse in diverse cases investigated by French justice or church authorities.

Ricard said he had talked to the victim and asked her for forgiveness, without specifying when. He said he was also asking for forgiveness "to all those I hurt" through his statement. He did not elaborate on that. □



**Migrants hold banners asking for help, from a deck of the Norway-flagged Geo Barents ship operated by Doctors Without Borders, in Catania's port, Sicily, southern Italy, Monday, Oct. 7, 2022. The Geo Barents has been allowed Sunday to disembark 357 migrant that Italian authorities defined as "vulnerable people" and minors, while leaving another 215 people that were declared non-vulnerable blocked on board.**

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# Italy directs NGO rescue ship with 89 migrants to port

**MILAN (AP)** — After waiting at sea for days, the German humanitarian group Mission Lifeline said Monday that Italy has directed its migrant rescue ship with 89 people on board to proceed to the port of Reggio Calabria. The 25-meter (80-foot) ship Rise Above entered Italian waters over the weekend without consent because of storm-swollen seas, after rescuing 95 people in the central Mediterranean. Six were evacuated at sea due to medical emergencies. "We are relieved that waiting on the high seas is over. The situation on board has become more and more critical in the past few days and hours," Mission Lifeline spokeswoman Hermine Poschmann said. "We expect that the Italian authorities give everyone access to a legally compliant asylum procedure and that people do not have to stay on our ship any longer than necessary." □



# Haiti gang leader to lift fuel blockade amid shortages

By EVENS SANON Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— A powerful gang leader announced Sunday that he was lifting a blockade at a key fuel terminal that has strangled Haiti's capital for nearly two months.

The announcement by Jimmy Cherizier, a former police officer nicknamed "Barbecue," followed government claims of at least some success in efforts to reclaim the terminal, as well as a United Nations resolution targeting Cherizier with sanctions. But it remained unclear who actually controls the terminal and the surrounding area, and there had been no evidence that any fuel had been able to leave.

In a speech posted on social media, Cherizier called on truck drivers to come and fill their tanks.

"Drivers can come to the terminal without any fear," he said.

If fuel can leave, that would ease a crisis that began when Cherizier's G9 gang federation seized control of the area surrounding a fuel depot in Port-au-Prince on Sept. 12 to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry.

The gang's blockade cut off



A fuel terminal is seen from a plane in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. Haiti's National Police has been fighting to remove a powerful gang that surrounded the key fuel terminal in Port-au-Prince for almost two months though it's not immediately clear if the blockade has been fully lifted.

access to about 10 millions gallons of diesel and gasoline and more than 800,000 gallons of kerosene, forcing gas stations to close, hospitals to cut back on critical services and banks and grocery stores to operate on a limited schedule.

It also hindered efforts to cope with a cholera outbreak that has killed dozens and sickened thousands. Clinics have warned they were running out of fuel

and had difficulty accessing potable water.

Gunfire echoed from the area around the terminal on Thursday as Haiti's National Police fought to reassert control. Police Chief Frantz Elbé said in a voice-mail shared with The Associated Press on Friday: "We won a fight, but it is not over."

Official police social media accounts posted a video on Sunday with no sound

stating officers were still "busy" at the terminal and saying "an important provision is taken to secure the perimeters."

Cherizier stressed that neither the gang nor anyone working on its behalf has negotiated anything with the prime minister, despite claims by some politicians to have done so.

"This is a fight for a better life," he said of the gang's actions. "The situation has

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worsened. ... We are not responsible for what happened to the country."

Cherizier then asked whether Haitians are happy with their living conditions, whether they feel safe, whether their children can go to school without being kidnapped and whether they have food and medical care.

Many in the country of more than 11 million people are living in even deeper poverty at a time of double-digit inflation. Meanwhile, kidnappings and gang violence has increased following the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, forcing thousands of people to flee their homes. Spokespeople for Haiti's National Police and the office of the prime minister could not be immediately reached for comment following Cherizier's announcement.

But some people on social media celebrated Cherizier's announcement, referring to him as "Father" or "Mr. President."

In early September, Henry announced his administration could no longer afford to subsidize petroleum, leading to sharp increases in prices that unleashed large protests. □

# Greek PM: Gas exploration to start off Crete in coming days

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Exxon Mobil is poised to start a delayed gas prospecting project off southwestern Greece, the country's leader said Monday amid tensions between Greece and Turkey over offshore rights and as Europe seeks alternative energy sources due to the war in Ukraine.

The U.S. energy giant will start seismic exploration "in the coming days" southwest of the southern Peloponnese peninsula and the island of Crete, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis told private Antenna TV.

The project has been heavily criticized by environmental groups, which argue that the deep-sea prospecting would have "unbearable" consequenc-

es on endangered Mediterranean whales and dolphins. Critics also highlight

the potential risk of spills, and say the project, if successful, would increase



In this photo provided by the Greek Prime Minister's Office, Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis listens a question during an interview on Greece's ANTENNA TV, in Athens, Monday, Nov. 7, 2022. Mitsotakis said U.S. oil giant ExxonMobil will "in the coming days" start seismic exploration for potential natural gas deposits in the Mediterranean Sea off southwestern Greece.

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Greece's use of fossil fuels amid the planet's climate change crisis. Mitsotakis insisted Monday that Greece remains dedicated to "fast green transition." But he added: "Our country ... must ascertain whether it currently has the ability to produce natural gas, which would contribute not only to our own energy security but also to that of Europe." European countries are scrambling to replace their former dependency on Russian fossil fuels following Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent damaging of pipelines designed to bring natural gas from Russia to Germany. Meanwhile, Greece and Turkey are at loggerheads over offshore explo-

ration rights in the eastern Mediterranean, and Turkish prospecting east of Crete in 2020 prompted a military build-up and bellicose rhetoric. In 2019, Greece granted rights for exploration which, however, didn't go ahead in two blocks of seabed south and southwest of the island of Crete to a consortium of TotalEnergies and Exxon Mobil with Greece's Hellenic Petroleum. The areas include the Mediterranean's deepest waters. The Hellenic Trench, at 5,267 meters (17,300 feet) is a vital habitat for the sea's few hundred sperm whales, and for other cetaceans already threatened by fishing, collisions with ships and plastic pollution. □



## Historical 1st electric flight in the greater Caribbean region Official opening of DCCA's "A Flight to the Future" event

ORANJESTAD – November 6, 2022, marked a historic day for aviation in the greater Caribbean region with the 1st electric flight effectuated in the Dutch Caribbean with the Pipistrel Velis Electro of Royal NLR.

With this flight the 1st International Air Transportation Event "A Flight to the Future", organized by Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) on behalf of the Dutch Caribbean Cooperation of Airports (DCCA) was officially opened. The Minister of Transport, Integrity, Nature and Senior Affairs Ursell Arends had the honor of being the first passenger on this electric flight. "This is history in the making! Being the first ever passenger on board an electric flight in the greater Caribbean region has been both an honor and a thrill. Sustainability and innovation are important parts of the Government's vision for the future and having these electric flights performed within the region is a further testament to our commitment to explore, develop, and implement sustainable efforts."

In the presence of various invited dignitaries from all six Dutch Caribbean Islands, special guests from The Netherlands, U.S., Canada, Latin America, Central America, Europe and Dutch Caribbean airport executives, the flight with the Pipistrel Velis Electro took off at 17:30PM and lasted a total of 15 minutes. The Pipistrel Velis Electro arrived in Aruba last week and was assembled on the Aruba Airport premises to execute the electric flights during the week of the DCCA 1st International Air Transportation Event – A Flight to the Future.

The Dutch Caribbean Cooperation of Airports (DCCA) is a cooperation between all 6 Caribbean Airports within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. DCCA aims to present future focused alternative air transportation options to improve interisland connectivity between the Dutch Caribbean Islands by making it more affordable, more efficient, and more sustainable and is organizing the 1st International Sustainable Air Transportation Event called "A Flight to the Future" in Aruba from November 7 through 11, 2022. "Health care, labor markets, social networks and the economies can all benefit from more affordable and more sustainable air connections", said Chair Joost Meijs on behalf of the DCCA.



Royal NLR – Netherlands Aerospace Centre, will be participating in the event. For this occasion, NLR's electric research aircraft the Pipistrel Velis Electro will perform several e-flights. In fact, today's flight was the first one with an elec-

tric airplane in the greater Caribbean region. The Pipistrel Velis Electro is a 2-seater propeller training aircraft that is fully powered by an electromotor and can fly for a duration of 30 minutes, considering a 30-minute reserve time. The

electric research aircraft of NLR will also be demonstrated in the hangar at the airport to the local community of the island. NLR believes it is crucial to involve everyone in the journey to a sustainable future of aviation.



During the week, speeches and presentations will be given, panel discussions will be held, masterclasses will be provided, and daily electric flight demonstrations will be performed with the Pipistrel Velis Electro at Aruba Airport. The knowledge shared during that week of the event will be different each day. Key themes will be: Discover the Undiscovered focusing on Sustainable Aviation, Built for Experience focusing on Sustainable Tourism, Pushing the limits: changing the Future focusing on Sustainable Airport Operations, Reality Check focusing on current Research and Investments, and Connecting Generations which will give the local community the chance to experience the Pipistrel Velis Electro up close.

Free virtual registrations are still available for the event which will be live streamed via [www.dccairports.com/live](http://www.dccairports.com/live) on November 7 through November 11, 2022. For more information on the event and virtual registration, please visit our DCCA website [www.dccairports.com](http://www.dccairports.com). □



# The LOOKING FOR BOY project came to an end with the unveiling of a mural and tableau vivant in honor of Boy Ecury

The project is a transnational tribute to this young hero of Aruba who gave his life on November 6, 1944 for the freedom of Aruba and the Netherlands.

An extremely courageous, and honest young person who is still an example to us. As admirers of the mural art culture, the collaborating partners noticed that the heroes portrayed on the walls of Aruba lack their own young hero from the Second World War. That is why Colegio San Antonio, Filomena College, Muchila Creativo, Monumentsfund Aruba, the MBO Media College in Amsterdam and Stichting Cultuurgeneratie,

went LOOKING FOR BOY.

All pupils and students had previously researched the digital archive of the Ecury family. This has been digitized in honor of the transnational celebration of 75 years of freedom by Archivo Nacional Aruba and the Dutch Institute for War Documentation. This archival research forms the basis of their creative expression in theatre, poetry, and visual workshops.

Artist Esmeralda Kelly created the mural on the outside of Filomena College, inspired by the ideas of the students during their visual workshops led by her and



Rudberth Wolff. In the presence of the Governor of Aruba, Mr. Alfonso Boekhoudt, Minister of Culture, Minister of Education and members of the Ecury family, this beautiful mural was unveiled.

Afterwards, the students and guests walked to the main stage of the ART FAIR, where the students of Colegio San Antonio performed their tableau vivant, musically accompanied by students and teachers from

Muchila Creativo. They created this tableau vivant in honor of our hero Boy Ecury with theater coaches Lupita Bernabela and Jhon Freddy Montoya.

The students of the MBO Media College from Amsterdam filmed everything and will make a short documentary.

The work of the students of Filomena college can be seen in the Library of San Nicolas.

An extraordinary year of working transnationally to share and honor this common World War II hero - BOY ECURY - and to reflect together on our own courage and the heroes of today in their fight against exclusion, cruelty and racism.

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It was a National Geographic moment when on cue Mr. Ostrich flapped his wings excitedly and poked around the ground with his bill, triggering Mrs. Ostrich

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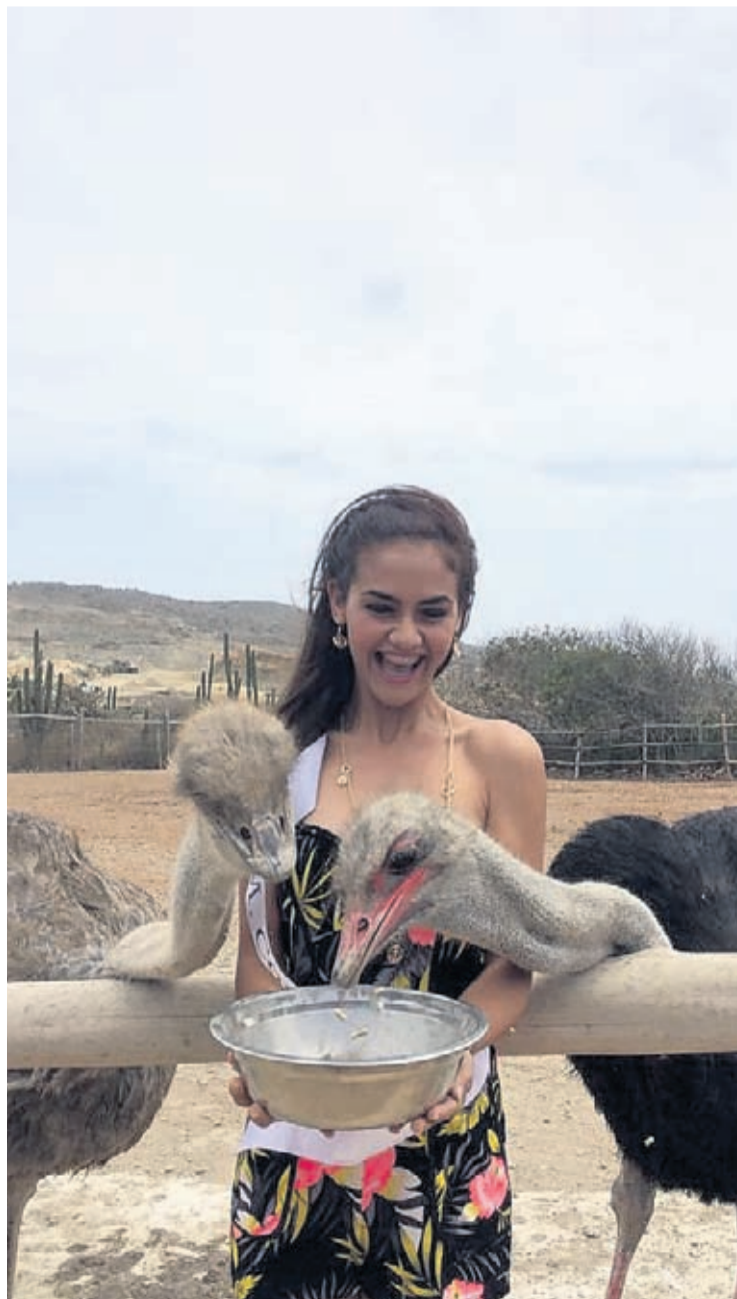
who ran around in circles, flapped her wings and also poked around, before collapsing on the ground in a heap of feathers, allowing him to mount her, shaking, winding and spiraling his head in all direction!

Mr. Ostrich concluded his unexpected performance with a loud honking, his eyes rolling, then got up in a huff to nonchalantly strut away, leaving his wife and the scrutiny of our cameras. It was a surprise reality TV moment, and not usually included in the regular program. Feeding the Ostriches is however always on the program, and they are eternally hungry, and fun!

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**Willemstad – Yesterday, November 6th, Silver Wolves Artist Management, the premier company on the island of its kind, in a flurry of celebration, signed two talented youngsters to their ranks.**

The youngsters in question are Brithney Augusta and Dante Marciano. These two up-and-coming artists are talented beyond compare and are raring to go.

The event took place at the in-house Starbucks at the Renaissance hotel.

In accordance with their vision and mission statement, Silver Wolves Artist Management was more than eager to sign these two awesomely talented young people. It is Silver Wolves' goal to guide these young artists to international fame through a structured approach and determined resolve.

## Silver Wolves Artist Management signed Brithney Augusta and Dante Marciano are on the road to international acclaim

At 16 years old, Brithney Augusta has the voice of a seasoned and legendary artist, the likes of which Curacao has not seen in a long time.

She is what is called a "powerhouse singer" and reminds us of legends like Whitney Houston and Aretha Franklin.

Dante Marciano already has an unmatched and forgettable voice at the tender age of 18.

With his deep bass/baritone vocals he can make a room tremble and then counter it with a flawless falsetto.

Their stage presence gives one the sense as if they

have been doing this for decades.

Curaçao can now proudly boast of two new artists coming to the stage, with their sights set on international fame.

Entrepreneur Javier Magdalena and well-known tenor Kadir Snijder founded Silver Wolves Artist Management on November 18, 2016, and created a one-stop shop for artists with the intention of launching these local artists to an international level with a full-service package.

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One will soon hear more about Brithney Augusta and Dante Marciano who have already started taking big artistic steps.

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## Why You Should Not Miss Aruba's Free City Center Street Car Tour

**ORANJESTAD - Aruba's City Center Street Car - or as we call it in Dutch; "Tram van Oranjestad" - is a single track tram line in Oranjestad, the capital city of Aruba. It was inaugurated on 22 December 2012, being the first and so far the only passenger rail service on Aruba and the rest of the Dutch Caribbean. There are two trolleys, a single-deck one with 42 seats and a double-decker with 64 seats. The line was inspired by the popular battery-powered streetcar operation at the Grove in Los Angeles, USA. Aruba's streetcars are pow-**

**ered by hydrogen fuel cells, which are charged by the island's year-round trade winds.**

Caya Betico Croes, mostly referred to as our "main street" has been developed into a pollution-free pedestrian mall. The double-decker offers you a 360 degree view of the down town area with a picture perfect scenery of the island's clear blue skies. Who would not enjoy a ride on this beautiful and naturally air-conditioned vehicle? The tour consists of a total of 9 stops approximately 200 meters



apart from each other; all stops are clearly marked. The tram will bring you close to different museums, historical plazas, monuments, the Protestant church, Aruba's high-end mall, retail shops, and a variety of local and international cuisine restaurants. The "I love Aruba" trademark also belongs to that list. The third stop on the route is close to a 5-minute walk to the famous Renaissance Marina showcasing luxurious yachts

and Aruba's blue waters.

The "Tram van Oranjestad" starts from a balloon loop near the Port of Call and serves the downtown area and ends at Plaza Nicky. The first ride starts at 10:00 am sharp with intervals of 25minutes. The last trolley departs from the cruise port at 5:00 pm. Don't miss this tour of the beautiful Aruba's City Center – it is free for all! □



## Apple says iPhone supplies hurt by anti-virus curbs in China

**BEIJING (AP)** — Apple Inc. is warning customers they'll have to wait longer to get its latest iPhone models after anti-virus restrictions were imposed on a contractor's factory in central China. The company announcement Sunday gave no details but said the factory operated by Foxconn in the central city of Zhengzhou is "operating at significantly reduced capacity." "We now expect lower iPhone 14 Pro and iPhone 14 Pro Max shipments than we previously anticipated," the company said. "Customers will experience longer wait times to receive their new products."

Foxconn Technology Group said earlier it imposed anti-virus measures on the factory in Zhengzhou following virus outbreaks. Apple and Foxconn previously hadn't responded to questions about how iPhone production might be affected.

Last week, access to the industrial zone where the factory is located was sus-

pending for one week following a surge in infections in Zhengzhou and the departure of workers from the factory.

The lockdown is expected to cause further disruptions to the plant, which in recent weeks has seen a spate of coronavirus infections and an exodus of workers, some of whom fled the factory on foot. Foxconn said in a statement that it is revising its outlook for this quarter downward due to the lockdown. "Foxconn is now working with the government in a concerted effort to stamp out the pandemic and resume production to its full capacity as quickly as possible," the company said Monday.

It also said that the provincial government has said it will "fully support" Foxconn in managing the plant's pandemic prevention and operation situation.

In a post on the Zhengzhou plant's WeChat social media account Sunday, the company said a "closed



Customers line up outside of an Apple Store before its opening on the first day of sale for the Apple iPhone 14 in Beijing, China on Sept. 16, 2022. Apple Inc. is warning customers will have to wait longer to get its latest iPhone models after anti-virus restrictions were imposed on a contractor's factory in central China.

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loop" system would restrict its employees' travel between their dormitories and the factory area to manage risks of COVID-19 transmission.

The last quarter of the year is typically a busy season for companies like Foxconn as they ramp up production ahead of the end of year holiday rush.

"We are working closely with our supplier to return to normal production levels while ensuring the health and safety of every worker," Apple said. □

## Walgreens push into comprehensive care picks up momentum

By **MATT OTT AP Business Writer**

Walgreens extended its push into more comprehensive health care with its VillageMD unit acquiring another urgent and primary care chain, Summit Health-CityMD, in a deal worth close to \$9 billion.

Walgreens and rival CVS, two retail chains with thousands of locations, have evolved in recent years with a greater focus on overall care for customers, trying to help them avoid chronic health conditions and expensive hospital stays. That goes far beyond their historic focus on store sales and filling prescriptions.

The deal to combine VillageMD and CityMD arrives just two months after CVS Health said it would pay about \$8 billion to acquire Signify Health, a technology company that sends doctors and other care providers to people's homes to assess how they are doing and what help they might need.

Walgreens Boots Alliance, which has a 53% controlling interest in VillageMD, will invest \$3.5 billion in debt and equity in support of the deal, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2023.

In what the companies are calling



The entrance to a Walgreens is seen on Oct. 14, 2022, in Boston. Walgreens dove deeper into the health care sector on Monday, Nov. 7, when its VillageMD unit announced it would acquire another primary and urgent care provider, Summit Health-CityMD, in a deal worth close to \$9 billion.

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a "strategic collaboration," Evernorth, a subsidiary of health insurance giant Cigna Health, is also making an undisclosed investment in the deal and will become a minority owner of VillageMD.

Overall health has also taken on more emphasis with insurers and employers, who must foot medi-

cal bills.

Walgreens, which has about 13,000 retail pharmacy locations worldwide including 9,000 in the U.S., has invested billions of dollars in Village MD and is opening primary care practices next to its drugstores so that pharmacies and physician offices can more

easily work together.

Village Medical provides primary care for patients at its traditional stand-alone practices, through its Village Medical at Walgreens practices, at home and through virtual visits. Chicago's VillageMD and Village Medical operate in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Texas, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, Florida and Georgia and Kentucky, with more than 1.6 million patients. Summit Health and CityMD have more than 2,800 providers at more than 370 locations in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Central Oregon. Summit is based in New Jersey.

Walgreens, which has its headquarters outside of Chicago, also is developing centers across the United States that use automated technology to fill prescriptions and deliver them to pharmacies, giving pharmacists more time to work with customers.

When Walgreens released details of its annual financial performance last month, CEO Rosalind Brewer proclaimed it was the first year of Walgreens' "transformation to a consumer-centric health care company." □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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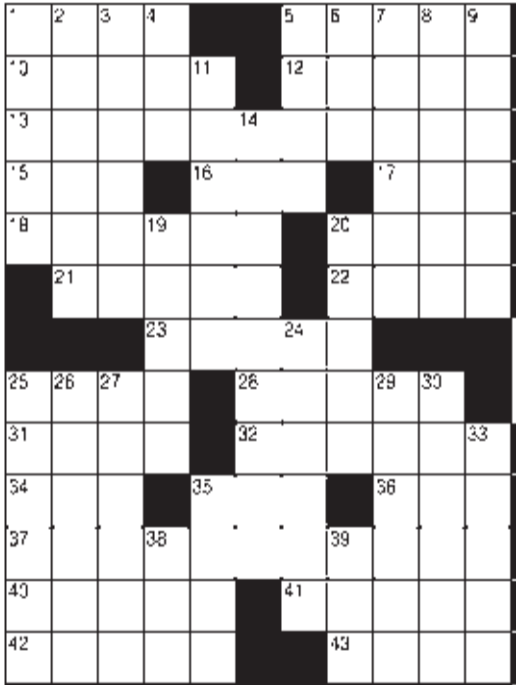
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THE SUCCESSIVE AUTUMNS. — GEORGE ELIOT

# Brooklyn Nets owners start program for minority-led startups

By GLENN GAMBOA  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Clara Wu Tsai, co-owner of the Brooklyn Nets, launched the largest business accelerator for minority founders of early-stage startups on Monday.

Named BK-XL, the accelerator will invest up to \$500,000 to 12 startups led by Black, Indigenous and other minority founders in 2023.

"Capital is one of the biggest impediments to wealth-building, particularly for BIPOC entrepreneurs," Wu Tsai told The Associated Press in an interview. "We thought that investing in this segment was how we could create wealth, not only for the entrepreneurs, but also through all the different jobs that they are going to create."

Increasing investments of venture capital in startups run by minority founders became a priority for many during the racial reckoning that followed the police killing of George Floyd. According to Crunchbase, only 2.4% of all U.S. venture capital raised between 2015 to 2020 was allocated to startups with Black or Latinx founders. Funding to Black entrepreneurs quadrupled in the first half of 2021 to \$1.8 billion. However, investments to minority founders this year have dropped steeply.

BK-XL is part of Wu Tsai's plan to change that. The accelerator is another piece of her racial justice work, with her husband Joe Tsai, to improve economic mobility for minorities. Because of their ownership of the Brooklyn Nets and



In this photo photo provided by DKC News, Clara Wu Tsai, co-owner of the Brooklyn Nets, stands in front of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn borough of New York in 2021. Wu Tsai launched the largest business accelerator for minority founders of early-stage startups on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022. Named BK-XL, the accelerator will invest up to \$500,000 to 12 startups led by Black, Indigenous and other minority founders in 2023.

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the Barclays Center arena in Brooklyn, they have decided to focus their economic mobility donations and investments in the New York City borough as well to maximize their impact. "It will be a mix of grants, loans and investments into this borough which I think ultimately is going to result in strengthening the community and the building up of people," Wu Tsai said. Last year, the Tsais' Social Justice Fund launched the "EXCElerate" initiative that provided no-interest loans to Black-owned small businesses in Brooklyn that needed help recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns. Wu Tsai said the investments through BK-XL will help new businesses that are ready to expand.

For startups chosen for the BK-XL program, the first \$125,000 investment will be in return for 7% equity in the startups, split between Wu

Tsai's Social Justice Fund and the investment platform Visible Hands.

Daniel Acheampong, general partner at Visible Hands, said BK-XL will offer more than a monetary investment.

Founders selected for the program will receive free office space and a 10-week immersion program on building successful businesses, with mentorship help from Visible Hands, Tsai's investment firm Blue Pool Capital, and other partners.

"Being a founder is a lonely journey," said Acheampong, adding that it's even harder for minority founders because there are so few of them. "It helps when you're doing it in the context of folks who can say, 'Hey, I've been through your experience. I know the challenges of bias in raising capital.'"

Acheampong said that kind of support — which he calls social capital and inspiration capital — is as important as the investment capital. "The partnership here is something I'm really excited about," he said. BK-XL will begin taking applications on Dec. 5. Acheampong said any kind of BIPOC-led startup can apply, as long as they will be based in Brooklyn. □



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# Insider Q&A: Kind Founder Lubetzky on entrepreneurship

By DEE-ANN DURBIN AP Business Writer

To entrepreneur Daniel Lubetzky, the founder of Kind snacks, kindness means more than just being nice. "If somebody is nice, they're not going to bully. But if they're kind, they're going to stand up to the bully," he said. "Kindness requires the strength of action."

It's a lesson Lubetzky learned from his father, a Latvian Jew who survived the Holocaust. Lubetzky's father was deeply touched by small acts of kindness, like the German soldier who snuck him a potato or the care shown by the Japanese-American soldiers who liberated him. Lubetzky, who was born in Mexico and is fluent in Spanish, French, Hebrew and English, also has a passion for bridging cultures.

One of his first ventures, PeaceWorks, sold products made jointly by Israelis and Palestinians; this year, he helped fund scholarships for Ukrainian students to study in the U.S. Lubetzky launched Kind in 2004, honoring his father with the name. The health-conscious brand helped transform the snack category; Lubetzky sold it to Mars in 2020 for an estimated \$5 billion. Lubetzky has invested that into new food brands like Somos Foods, which aims to bring authentic Mexican products to U.S. groceries. He's also launched charitable foundations and nonprofits like Starts with Us, which tries to overcome political and cultural division. Lubetzky discussed his career, and what motivates him, with The Associated Press. His

comments have been edited for length.

**Q. How do you describe yourself?**

A. I think of myself as a serial social entrepreneur, meaning someone that loves noticing opportunities for how to create stuff in society that doesn't already exist that will be both economically sustainable and socially impactful. I think that tends to be one common thread in a lot of the ventures that I do: ventures that use business as a force for having a social impact and doing it in a way that the products can defend themselves and win on the merits of that. □

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# Jimmy Kimmel to host Oscars again: 'Great honor or a trap'

By **LINDSEY BAHR** AP Film Writer

Jimmy Kimmel is ready to host the Oscars again, completing a trilogy that started with him presiding over the chaotic "envelope-gate" ceremony. The late-night talk show host will preside over the ceremony in March, the show's producers said Monday.

"We're super thrilled to have Jimmy score his hat trick on this global stage," executive producers and showrunners Glenn Weiss and Ricky Kirshner said in a joint statement. "We know he will be funny and ready for anything!"

Kimmel has hosted the show twice before, in 2017, when he managed the chaotic final moments in which the wrong best picture winner was called, and then the next year, which came just months into the #MeToo reckoning.

"Being invited to host the Oscars for a third time is either a great honor or a trap," Kimmel said. "Either way, I am grateful to the academy for asking me so quickly after everyone good said no."

After the 90th Oscars in 2018, which Kimmel hosted to generally positive



Host Jimmy Kimmel speaks at the Oscars in Los Angeles on March 4, 2018. Kimmel will again preside over the ceremony in March, the show's producers said Monday. Associated Press

reviews, the Academy Awards went without a host until the 94th ceremony earlier this year when Regina Hall, Amy Schumer and Wanda Sykes shared the stage.

"Jimmy is the perfect host to help us recognize the incredible artists and films of our 95th Oscars," added academy CEO Bill Kramer and academy President

Janet Yang. "His love of movies, live TV expertise, and ability to connect with our global audiences will create an unforgettable experience for our millions of viewers worldwide."

Molly McNearney, who is the co-head writer and executive producer of "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and is married to Kimmel, will also serve as an executive producer on

the Oscars broadcast. Ratings have been a bit of a rollercoaster for the esteemed Hollywood awards show. The 94th Oscars was an improvement with 15.36 million viewers, but that was also in comparison to the previous year's record low, which befell many COVID-modified awards shows. As always ratings will be paramount for broad-

caster ABC.

"Having Jimmy Kimmel return to host the Oscars is a dream come true.

As we see every night on his own show, Jimmy can handle anything with both heart and humor, and we know that he will deliver the laughs and celebratory moments that define the Oscars," said Craig Erwich, president of ABC Entertainment, Hulu & Disney Branded Television Streaming Originals. "We love being the home of Hollywood's biggest night and can't wait to toast the success of this year's cinema and storytelling."

This next event is a landmark anniversary year for the show, and the first to follow The Slap, in which Will Smith struck presenter Chris Rock on stage. Smith, who went on to win best actor that night, was banned from the Oscars for 10 years as a result.

The organization's leadership has said that they'd like to move on from the slap and focus on a ceremony that celebrates cinema.

The 95th Oscars will be held on Sunday, March 12 at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles and will be broadcast live on ABC in more than 200 territories worldwide. □

# Rihanna talks motherhood, Super Bowl: 'It was now or never'

By **KRYSTA FAURIA** Associated Press

**SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP)** — Rihanna knew that if she was going to return to the stage less than a year after

giving birth to her first child, the performance would have to top anything she'd done before.

"If I'm going to leave my baby, I'm going to leave

my baby for something special," the multi-Grammy winner said.

That something special turned out to be the upcoming 2023 Super Bowl halftime show. "It was now or never for me," she said.

The singer had previously declined to perform in the 2019 halftime show out of solidarity with Colin Kaepernick. But in a recent interview ahead of her "Savage X Fenty Show Vol. 4," Rihanna said that the timing and circumstances this time around were right for her. "It was a challenge that I welcomed. It was a stage bigger than anything I've ever done," she said.

After the NFL announced in late September that Rihanna would headline the

February show, hopeful rumors spread of a long-awaited new album, which she has been teasing in recent years. Her last album, "ANTI," was released in 2016.

Although the pop star recently dropped her first new song in six years, the lead single for "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," she was quick to shut down speculation that her Super Bowl performance meant an album was imminent. "That's not true. Super Bowl is one thing. New music is another thing. Do you hear that, fans?" she said, laughing.

In addition to adjusting to life as a new mom, Rihanna said she has been busy outdoing last year's "Savage X

Fenty Show Vol. 3," which earned an Emmy and included a long list of high-profile stars.

This year's show includes performances by Anitta, Maxwell and others, as well as a long list of appearances, including Taraji P. Henson, Cara Delevingne and Sheryl Lee Ralph. AP's interview with Rihanna came before word leaked that Johnny Depp was slated to participate.

Some people unhappy with Depp's legal battle with ex-wife Amber Heard called for a boycott of Rihanna's line if Depp was part of the show.

The "Savage X Fenty Show Vol. 4" will be available to stream Wednesday on Amazon Prime Video. □



Rihanna arrives at the world premiere of "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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# Mahomes helps Chiefs rally past Titans 20-17 in overtime

By **DAVE SKRETTA** AP Sports Writer

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)**

— Patrick Mahomes was probably having flashbacks Sunday night to his days at Texas Tech, when he would scramble around like a kid playing sandlot football while routinely throwing the ball 60-plus times in a game.

The Chiefs needed all of it every run, every throw, every yard to rally past the Tennessee Titans.

Mahomes finished 43 of 68 for 446 yards and a touchdown, and he ran for the tying score and 2-point conversion late in the fourth quarter, before Harrison Butker atoned for two earlier misses by drilling the go-ahead field goal in overtime and lifting the Chiefs to the 20-17 victory.

"I did not know I threw that many," Mahomes said with a smile, "but yeah, Texas Tech, I threw a couple, so I'm able to do it."

Chiefs coach Andy Reid improved to 21-3 coming off a bye by beating a franchise that has long been his nemesis. He was just 2-9 against the Titans heck, Reid has three wins against the Chiefs including a 27-3 loss in Nashville last year.

It was only the second win for Kansas City (6-2) in its last seven games against the Titans.

Things were spiraling toward another disappoint-



City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes scrambles under pressure from Tennessee Titans defensive end DeMarcus Walker (95) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

ment the way Derrick Henry was chewing up yardage against the Kansas City defense, and the way the Titans (5-3) were shutting down Mahomes and Co. into the fourth quarter.

Indeed, the Chiefs were trailing 17-9 and time was running out when they took over at their own 7-yard line. But in vintage Mahomes fashion, he willed his team downfield. His 20-yard scramble on third-and-17 kept the drive going, and his third-and-9 touchdown scramble along with his 2-point conversion run knotted the game with 2:56 to go.

After the Chiefs won the overtime coin toss, the Titans nearly stopped them, only for Noah Gray to make a nifty third-down catch. Then, Mahomes hit JuJu Smith-Schuster on fourth down to keep the drive alive and the clock moving.

Butker drilled his 28-yarder to give Kansas City the lead with 4:04 left in overtime. The Chiefs proceeded to stuff Henry, then sacked Titans rookie Malik Willis on back-to-back plays, before batting down his fourth-down throw to end the game and send fireworks flying into the sky above Ar-

rowhead Stadium.

Henry finished with 115 yards rushing and two touchdowns for the Titans. But he didn't get a whole lot of help from Willis, who got his second start in place of the injured Ryan Tannehill, and was just 5 of 16 for 80 yards.

The Chiefs figured the best way to shut down Henry, who had run for 219 yards and two touchdowns last week against Houston, was to keep him off the field. They opened the game with a 15-play march that took up 8 1/2 minutes and ended in a field goal, then forced a punt and went 79

yards with Mahomes finding Hardman for the touchdown.

After forcing a punt, Henry went to work again. He slipped through the line untouched and was finally dragged down 56 yards later. Then, the 247-pound running back pounded into the end zone to give the Titans a 14-9 lead.

It was Henry's 74th career touchdown run, moving him past Earl Campbell for the most in franchise history.

The Chiefs, meanwhile, were incapable of running the ball. And with the Titans no longer worried about stopping the rush, they began to relentlessly pressure Mahomes.

Denico Autry's first sack forced a punt, then his second on third-and-1 near midfield prevented Kansas City from getting points just before halftime.

The Titans eventually extended the lead when Mahomes was picked off by rookie Roger McCreary, setting up Randy Bullock's 44-yard field goal. But their own offense started to fizzle, and despite Butker's missed field goal — he also missed an earlier extra point — the Chiefs managed to get the late touchdown they needed to force overtime.

"It was a struggle," Reid said. "We were up and down and the guys hung together." □

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# Bucs' Tom Brady goes over 100,000 yards passing for career

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Tom Brady became the first player in NFL history to throw for more than 100,000 yards, surpassing the milestone on a 15-yard completion to Leonard Fournette during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Los Angeles Rams.

The league's career passing leader entered the matchup of the past two Super Bowl champions

needing 164 yards to reach a plateau the 45-year-old quarterback concedes no one would have imagined possible for him to achieve when he entered the NFL as a sixth-round draft pick in 2000.

Brady, who has won seven Super Bowls and owns nearly every meaningful league passing record, went over 100,000 yards in his 374th career game, including the playoffs.

"For me, it's a credit to all

the guys that I've played with, who have blocked for me, have caught passes. ... I can't do (anything) in this league without guys doing what they're amazing at, too," Brady said last Thursday. "They're great achievements," he added. "But as much as people want to say: 'Oh, this is what Tom Brady did.' In my mind, this is what myself and all these other people that have contributed to my life have done as well." □



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) throws a pass during the first half of an NFL football game between the Los Angeles Rams and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.

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# Italy's bid for Euro 2032 gains support from new government

**ROME (AP)** — The Italian government's new sports minister has signed a letter to UEFA supporting the country's bid to host the 2032 European Championship.

"Sustainable, long-term development of Italian sports venues represents one of the government's priorities," Andrea Abodi, the minister and the former president of Serie B, said in a statement released by the Italian soccer federation on Monday. "Italy's candidacy for Euro 2032 represents a fundamental factor in accelerating that process."

Abodi's letter will be attached to a preliminary bid dossier due at UEFA next week, which is required to include a statement of sup-



**A view of the stadium prior to an Italian national team training session ahead of Friday's Euro 2020 opening group A soccer match against Turkey, at the Rome Olympic stadium, Thursday, June 10, 2021. The Italian government's new sports minister Andrea Abodi has signed a required letter to UEFA supporting Italy's bid to host the 2032 European Championships, said a statement released by the Italian soccer federation on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022**

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port from the government. Final bid dossiers are due in

March, with the host to be selected by UEFA in Sep-

tember 2023. Italy won the Euros as host

in 1968 and also organized the 1980 edition won by West Germany plus four games of Euro 2020.

The last major soccer tournament held entirely in Italy was the 1990 World Cup and many of the country's stadiums have not been renovated for more than three decades.

UEFA will also decide the host for the 2028 Euros next year.

There is a joint U.K.-Ireland bid for 2028, while Turkey is bidding for either 2028 or 2032, with Italy focused solely on 2032.

Russia had previously announced a declaration of interest for 2028 or 2032 but has since been removed from the process because of the war in Ukraine. □



**Luis Varela holds his 10-month-old son Joaquin as fans wait for a victory parade for the Houston Astros' World Series baseball championship Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, in Houston.**

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## Fans line up in Houston for parade celebrating Astros' win

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Fans were lining up in downtown Houston on Monday for a parade to celebrate the Astros' World Series win over the weekend.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said he encouraged fans coming to the victory parade to "arrive early, wear Astros' colors, be loud and celebrate safely." The parade starts at noon.

Yordan Alvarez hit a towering three-run homer and the Astros clinched their second World Series title in six seasons on Saturday, beating the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1 in Game 6.

The city said in a news release that the downtown parade after the Astros' 2017 win brought in about 1 million people, and organizers expect about that many people at Monday's parade.

Saturday's win gave the Astros' 73-year-old manager Dusty Baker his first title in 25 seasons as a manager, the last three in Houston. □

## Reinhart scores 2, Panthers end trip with 5-3 win over Ducks

**By JOE REEDY AP Sports W ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** —

Sam Reinhart was able to celebrate his 27th birthday with two goals and hopefully a bit of confidence.

The Florida forward scored twice in the third period as the Panthers finished off a four-game road trip with a 5-3 victory over the Anaheim Ducks on Sunday night.

"We had a good first and third. It was nice to salvage the road trip and carry some momentum back home," Reinhart said.

Panthers coach Paul Maurice said pairing Reinhart with Anton Lundell on the second line definitely helped Reinhart find the net for the first time this season.

Maurice had to juggle all four of his forward lines after Matthew Tkachuk was suspended two-games for high-sticking Kings goalie Jonathan Quick on Saturday night in Los Angeles.

"Him and Lundell are back together and they know how to play off each other," Maurice said. "Sam's had so many chances to score and it just didn't seem to go for him. His game has been right."

The game was tied 2-2 af-

ter two periods before the Panthers took control. Reinhart put Florida in front when he chipped in a loose puck on a scramble in front of the net at 2:55 for his first goal of the season.

Carter Verhaeghe scored for the third straight game, Brandon Montour had a goal and three assists, and Sam Bennett also scored for the Panthers, who finished 2-2 on their four-game trip. Lundell had two assists and Spencer Knight stopped 32 shots to improve to 4-1.

Ryan Strome had a goal and an assist, and Adam Henrique and Isac Lundestrom also scored for

Anaheim, which had won three of its last four coming in. John Gibson made 41 saves.

Bennett scored off a centering pass from Eetu Luostarinen at 8:10 to push the lead to 4-2.

Verhaeghe scored his team-leading eighth goal and extended his scoring streak to three straight games at 11:31 of the first when he redirected Montour's shot past Gibson on the power play. Montour made it 2-0 at 2:51 of the second when he kept the puck in the offensive zone and then fired a wrist shot from the point. □



**Florida Panthers left wing Rudolf Balcers, left, controls the puck past Anaheim Ducks defenseman Simon Benoit during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022.**

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